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TAGS: PBOR, PORG, UNSC, IS, LE, XF  
SUBJ: SIILASVUO/ERSKINE MEETING WITH EITAN JULY 26

REF: JERUSALEM 2035

1. UN SOURCE HAS PROVIDED TEXT OF SIILASVUO'S REPORT ON HIS JULY 26 MEETING WITH EITAN.
2. BEGIN TEXT. ON WEDNESDAY 26 JULY 1978 ERSKINE AND I ACCOMPANIED BY AIME HAD MEETING IN TEL AVIV WITH EITAN. DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, NORTHERN COMMANDER, DEPUTY CHIEF INTELLIGENCE AND IDF LO WERE ALSO PRESENT. MEETING WAS MOST CORDIAL AND IN OUR OPINION USEFUL. EITAN FOR FIRST TIME ACKNOWLEDGED USEFUL ROLE BEING PLAYED BY UNIFIL IN AREA AND MADE NO COMMENT ABOUT PLO ACTIVITIES.

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3. DISCUSSIONS CENTERED ON TWO POINTS, NAMELY THE NEED FOR BETTER COOPERATION ON THE PART OF HADDAD AND MILITIAS AND THE EVENTUAL MOVE OF THE LEBANESE ARMY TO THE SOUTH. WE POINTED OUT THAT LACK OF COOPERATION ON PART OF HADDAD AND MILITIAS WAS PREVENTING UNIFIL FROM FULFILLING ITS MANDATE. NOT ONLY WOULD THE SECRER CRY-GENERAL HAVE TO

REPORT THIS SITUATION TO SECURITY COUNCIL BUT IT MIGHT  
CREATE RELUCTANCE ON PART OF SOME CONTRIBUTING GOVERNMENTS  
TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN UNIFIL. WE FELT THAT ISRAEL  
IN VIEW OF ITS INFLUENCE WITH THESE GROUPS COULD HELP REMEDY  
SITUATION. BASICALLY UNIFIL WANTED BETTER FREEDOM OF  
MOVEMENT THROUGHOUT AREA AND POSITIONS IN MARJAYOUN,  
BINT JBAIL, HOULE, MARKABA, EL MERI TO EXTEND ITS PRESENCE  
THROUGHOUT WHOLE AREA. EITAN AGREED TO USE IDF INFLUENCE  
TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN UNIFIL AND MILITIAS WITH A  
VIEW TO FACILITATING UNIFIL'S JOB. WITH REGARD TO HARASSMENT  
AND INCIDENTS INVOLVING UNIFIL TROOPS, HE POINTED OUT THAT  
MILITIAS WERE NOT DISCIPLINED SOLDIERS AND ACTED SOMETIMES  
IRRATIONALLY. PATIENCE WAS NEEDED TO DEAL WITH SITUATION.  
IT WAS AGREED THAT IN ORDER TO REDUCE TENSION AND TO DEVELOP  
RELATIONS BETWEEN HADDAD/MILITIAS AND UNIFIL, WEEKLY MEETINGS  
WOULD BE HELD IN MARJAYOUN. DATE FOR FIRST MEETING WAS  
FIXED FOR 31 JULY. IN DUE COURSE QUESTION PERMANENT PRESENCE  
IN MARJAYOUN AND OTHER LOCATIONS WOULD BE CONSIDERED. MEAN-  
WHILE, IDF WOULD USE ITS INFLUENCE TO PERSUADE HADDAD TO  
COOPERATE MORE FULLY.

4. WITH REGARD MOVE LEBANESE ARMY TO SOUTH, EITAN RESTATED  
ISRAEL'S POSITION THAT ISRAEL FAVOURS EFFORTS OF  
LEBANESE GOVERNMENT IN RESTORING ITS AUTHORITY IN SOUTH  
AND WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH MOVEMENT ARMY TO SOUTH. HE  
ADDED THAT IN VIEW SITUATION IN NORTH HE WAS RATHER SKEPTICAL  
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ABOUT ABILITY EXISTING GOVERNMENT TO SEND ARMY  
TO SOUTH. END TEXT.  
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